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SUBSTANCE ABUSE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, January 16, 2004

Members Present: Michael Salazar, Jim Roth, Del Worley, Diane Pruetz  
Members Absent: Geri Sosa  
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Mary Wilson, Kami Thur, Rebecca Edstrom  
Public Present: Peter London, Steve Sadler, Natalie Horwitz, William Harrison  
Public by Telephone: Marinez Niskey

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on January 16, 2004, at 9:07 a.m. with Mr. Salazar presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, to approve the general meeting minutes from December 19, 2003, as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Review, consideration and action of complaints and other disciplinary matters**

None

5. **Report from the Chair and items for review, consideration, and possible action**

None

6. **Report from the Executive Director and/or staff**

A. *General Agency Operations*

No report

B. *Development of licensure rules*

Ms. Rinaudo reported that the Rules Subcommittee has met once and will meet two more times before the rules are distributed for public comment on February 15, 2004.

C. *Supervised work experience requirements*

No report.

7. **Report from the Board and other committees**

A. *Board*

No report.

8. **National and regional trends and news regarding the profession(s)**

None

9. **Review, consideration and action of supervision/work experience and/or exemptions**

None

**10. Review, consideration and action regarding renewals**

None

**11. Review, consideration and action of consent agenda for applications for inactive, extension and exam accommodation requests**

Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Pruetz, to approve the consent agenda reviewed by Ms. Worley, granting 60-day extensions to Deborah Carr and Patrick Dorsey and 2<sup>nd</sup> 60-day extensions to Laura Canizo-Spiro and Patricia Hart. The motion passed unanimously.

**12. Review, consideration and action of applications for reassessment**

None

**13. Review, consideration and action of applications for certification**

*A. Natalie Horowitz*

The professional and her attorney, William Harrison, were present. Mr. Harrison disclosed that he is employed by Broening Oberg where the Board's Executive Director's husband works, but that he is not aware of any conflict in representing Ms. Horwitz.

Ms. Thur summarized the investigation regarding the professional answering "yes" to background question #7 regarding past felony convictions.

Following review and discussion, members agreed that no further action is required regarding the professional's past DUI. Members will review the application but delay any final decision on the application pending the outcome of the complaint currently pending against the professional.

*B. Steve Sadler*

Mr. Salazar recused himself from all matters involving Mr. Sadler.

Ms. Thur summarized the facts regarding the professional's self-report of addiction to oxycotin. Mr. Sadler appeared in person and addressed the committee regarding his addiction, treatment and current circumstances.

Following review and discussion, members agreed that no further action is required at this time.

*C. Marinez Niskey*

Ms. Rinaudo reported that the professional was certified in June 2003 as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor at the bachelor's level. The agency subsequently received two anonymous letters stating that the professional had no substance abuse counseling experience.

Ms. Niskey appeared telephonically and addressed the committee. She stated that she knew her work experience at COPE Behavioral Health did not qualify her for certification. She asked Mr. Cross to complete the required Board verification forms as a favor to her because COPE was pressuring staff to get certified as soon as possible.

Mr. Harris advised members that the professional has due process rights as a certificate holder and certification could not be revoked without a formal hearing.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Pruetz, to open a complaint based upon possible violations of A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(b), use of fraud or deceit in connection with establishing qualifications pursuant to this chapter, and A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(i), any conduct or practice that is contrary to recognized standards of ethics in the behavioral health profession or constitutes a danger to the health, welfare or safety of a client. The motion passed unanimously.

Members discussed possible stipulations. Mr. Harris will draft a consent agreement to be reviewed by this committee at its February meeting.

*Barbara Thompson*

Ms. Rinaudo reported that the letter received by the agency from the professional's former supervisor was inadvertently processed as a complaint. The standard process would be for the letter to become part of the application file for review by the committee as to whether there is a need for further action.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Pruetz, to notify the applicant that the complaint will be withdrawn and the letter will be reviewed with the application file. If the committee believes further investigation is required, it will refer the file to investigations at that time. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to recommend the following twenty-three applicants to the Board for certification:

Jacqueline Dearth	Elena Ivanova	Jennifer Sundberg	Barbara Panos
Gina McWhorter	Lawrence Perrini	Dean Knickerbocker	Amy Greenbank
Patsy Christofferson	Deborah Carr	Bevan Garrett	James Bielli
Robert Fleet	Joanna Parris	Myrna Garcia	Dorine Francisco
Georgia Jones	Patricia Christiansen	Kara Barney	Michael Jones
Roselene Eleando	Kenneth Wells	Jonas Robles	

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to recommend the following eight applicants to the Board for certification after receiving a passing score on the required exam:

Daisy Puffer	Ana Antone	Lloyd Walters	Beth Slothower
Ted Allison	Jennifer Young	Ramona Jefferson	Kay Stoddard

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Mrs. Worley, to postpone further review of Natalie Horwitz's application pending the outcome of the complaint and review of an employment termination not disclosed on the application. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to postpone approval of Barbara Thompson's certification pending investigation of a letter received by the agency that questions her clinical skill in substance abuse counseling. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to deny Ana Finley based on uncorrectable deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

**14. Future agenda items**

Marinez Niskey

**15. Call for public comment**

None

**16. Establishment of future meeting date(s)**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. in room B-2.

**17. Adjournment**

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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Del Worley  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date